

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

10 1. A method for identifying playback devices of a plurality of client apparatuses
2 which are networked to simultaneously playback an event, comprising the
3 steps of:
4 (a) identifying a type of the playback device of each of the client apparatuses;
5 (b) looking up a command associated with the identified type of the playback
6 device; and
7 (c) sending the command to the corresponding client apparatus for beginning the
8 playback of the event simultaneously with the playback of the event on each
9 of the remaining client apparatuses.

1 2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the event includes a video and audio
2 presentation.

1 3. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the type of the playback device is
2 identified utilizing the network.

1 4. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is a wide area network.

1 5. A method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the step of storing on
2 the client apparatus an identifier of a host server that sent the command.

1 6. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the memory includes a digital video
2 disc (DVD).

1 7. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for
2 identifying playback devices of a plurality of client apparatuses which are
3 networked to simultaneously playback an event, comprising:

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4 (a) a code segment for identifying a type of the playback device of each of the
5 client apparatuses;

6 (b) a code segment for looking up a command associated with the identified type
7 of the playback device; and

8 (c) a code segment for sending the command to the corresponding client
9 apparatus for beginning the playback of the event simultaneously with the
10 playback of the event on each of the remaining client apparatuses.

1 8. A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the event includes a video
2 and audio presentation.

1 9. A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the type of the playback
2 device is identified utilizing the network.

1 10. A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the network is a wide
2 area network.

1 11. A computer program as recited in claim 7, and further comprising a code
2 segment for storing on the client apparatus an identifier of a host server that
3 sent the command.

1 12. A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the memory includes a
2 digital video disc (DVD).

1 13. A system for identifying playback devices of a plurality of client apparatuses
2 which are networked to simultaneously playback an event, comprising:
3 (a) logic for identifying a type of the playback device of each of the client
4 apparatuses;
5 (b) logic for looking up a command associated with the identified type of the
6 playback device; and

7 (c) logic for sending the command to the corresponding client apparatus for
8 beginning the playback of the event simultaneously with the playback of the
9 event on each of the remaining client apparatuses.

1 14. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the event includes a video and audio
2 presentation.

1 15. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the type of the playback device is
2 identified utilizing the network.

1 16. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the network is a wide area network.

1 17. A system as recited in claim 13, and further comprising logic for storing on
2 the client apparatus an identifier of a host server that sent the command.

1 18. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the memory includes a digital video
2 disc (DVD).